

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The following Soviet officers of the Soviet military mission in Albania constitute the Soviet High Directive Council for Albania under the presidency of Soviet Ambassador Klimentiy Danilovich Levichkin; they also carry out functions normally the jurisdiction of the executive power, as well as functions of a judiciary nature, on determined questions:
  - a. Major General Ioakim Sokolov: Chief of Mission; has his own General Staff composed of 35 persons (Soviet officers and non-commissioned officers).
  - b. Major General Viktor Glebov: Military Attache.
  - c. Lieutenant General Dimitriy Kurbatov: counselor of the Minister of Interior.
  - d. Colonel Semën Armenov: first technical counselor of the Albanian Government, attached to the cabinet of the Prime Minister.
  - e. Colonel K. Vasilyev: counselor for the Albanian coastal zone.
2. Other members of the Soviet military mission in Albania are:
  - a. Lieutenant Colonel (or Major Korstov)(or Krestov): counselor at the Ministry of Defense; has his own General Staff composed of 25 Soviet officers.
  - b. Colonel Borisov, fnu: observer attached to the office of the Chief of the General Staff.
  - c. Colonel Valentin Lebedev: technical observer at the General Staff.

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- d. Colonel Daniil Popov (or Major Ivan Cianovskiy?): technical counselor and observer attached to the Political Directorate of the Armed Forces.
- e. Colonel Milozevich, fnu: technical counselor and observer attached to the Infantry Directorate.
- f. Colonel Ivan Rupanov: technical counselor and observer attached to the Artillery Directorate.
- g. Colonel Vasilii Vasagov: technical counselor and observer attached to the Liaison Directorate.
- h. Colonel Kraynevskiy, fnu: technical counselor attached to the Engineering Directorate and director of all works of fortification; has under his supervision about 20 Soviet officers and engineers, among whom are:
  - (1) Lieutenant Colonel (or Colonel) S. Adamov: inspector for fortifications in the zone of Vlone.
  - (2) Officer Engineer (?) Kicholov (or Kikolov): counselor for the technical direction of defense preparations.
  - (3) Officer Engineer (?) Rogdinov: counselor for the technical direction of defense preparations.
- i. Colonel Ivan Kurstevskiy: technical counselor attached to the Motorized Directorate and inspector of all overland transportation; has under his jurisdiction 10 Soviet officers.
- j. Engineer Gaykachov (or Gaykakov)(fnu): director general of Albanian highway and railroad communications; assists Colonel Ivan Kurstevskiy.
- k. Medical Colonel Yuskevich, fnu: technical counselor and observer attached to the military Medical Directorate.
- l. Major Daniil Orlov (?): observer attached to the Information Section of the General Staff.
- m. Colonel Ivan Gorzenko: technical observer for the Navy.
- n. Colonel Subriskiy, fnu: director of rear lines (prapavia - support forces); has under his jurisdiction about 15 Soviet officers and non-commissioned officers.
- o. General Vasilii Stregov: technical observer for the Coastal Artillery.
- p. Colonel I. Caynov (or Skamov): technical counselor and observer, 1 Infantry Division (Tirana).
- q. Colonel M. Medimov: technical counselor and observer, 8 Infantry Division (Korce).
- r. Colonel P. Gregoryevskiy: technical counselor and observer, 5 Infantry Division (Gjinokaster).

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- s. Colonel (or Lieutenant Colonel) G. Shumashik (or Sumachist or Kaganov): technical counselor and observer, 6 Infantry Division (Shkoder).<sup>2</sup>
3. The following members of the Soviet military mission in Albania are counselors for the Albanian Merchant Marine and the Navy:
- a. Commander Boris Kovalessenko.
  - b. Commander Sergey Bokarov.
  - c. Captain Aleksandr Khitrovo.
  - d. Captain Boris Apukhtin.<sup>3</sup>
  - e. Captain Olympic Ganchev.
  - f. Captain Osip Gruenbaum.
  - g. Captain Dina Floropoviye.
  - h. Officer Engineer (?) Pavel Pavloun.
  - i. Officer Engineer Petr Darkiyevich (or Darkiyevik).
  - j. Officer Engineer Sergey Andreyev.
  - k. Officer Engineer Nicolay Zivech (or Zivek).

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When General Glebov arrived in Albania in the fall of 1950 to replace Sokolov as Soviet Military Attache, the latter may have remained as chief of the Soviet Military Mission. Sokolov has not been mentioned in the Tirana press since October 1950.

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on 29 November 1952 Enver Hoxha military school in Tirana, Soviet General Sokolov addressed the students. General Dimitriv Kubatov may be identical with a Colonel Gorbatov Soviet adviser to the Albanian

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Comments:

1. In early 1949 a similar position was held by a Soviet engineer Valeri Gaydarov, Gaydarov was counselor to the Albanian Ministry of Public Works, having replaced a Yugoslav engineer after the Tito-Cominform break. 25X1
  2. In late November and early December 1952 the headquarters of 5 Infantry Division to be in Korce 25X1
- The locations of 1, 8, and 5 Infantry Divisions have otherwise been carried as Tirana, Korce, and Giinokaster respectively. as stated above. The infantry unit in Shkoder as 6 Infantry Division is believed to be an independent infantry brigade. 25X1

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3.

[REDACTED] a Boris Apukhtin, member of the Soviet mission in Albania, and an expert on athletics. was assistant to Mikhail Aleksandrovich Popov. [REDACTED] Popov, who arrived from the Soviet Union in late July 1951, was in charge of a special directorate of athletics in the Prime Minister's office, and in this capacity was attempting to enlist Albanian athletes as agents of the Soviet IS.

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